Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 at 14:54

Confidence: High confidence for a week of strong winds, often gale or severe gales and a temporary return of wintery conditions on Friday, yet becoming milder again later in the weekend. Less certainty for the timing of rain, sleet and snow and amounts expected.

Headline for Thursday 25 Mar 2021: Cloudy with a few showers possible, strong southwesterly winds becoming gale force later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
70%	50%	40%	20%	20%	40%	40%	20%

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Weather: Any rain clearing south and then mainly dry with a few clearer spells overnight. A cloudy start to the day but a few brighter spells breaking through especially in the east. A few outbreaks of showery rain or sleet on the top. Mainly dry through the evening with some clearer spells developing again.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%, some patchy low cloud in the northwest and around any showers.

Visibility: Good visibility in the morning with good views likely, some patchy or scattered cloud will form over western hill tops from 600m at times but mainly clear in the east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	29/38 SW	21/28 SW	20/26 SW	25/35 SW	27/39 SW	32/46 SW	35/49 SW	36/51 SW	38/56 SW
600	20/29 SW	15/21 SW	14/21 SW	20/29 SW	22/33 SW	25/39 SW	26/40 SW	27/43 SW	29/48 SW
300	13/26 SW	10/19 SW	9/18 SW	14/26 SW	16/30 SW	18/35 SW	18/35 S	18/37 SW	20/42 SW
Valley	13/25 SW	10/18 SW	10/18 S	14/25 SW	17/32 SW	19/36 SW	19/35 S	18/34 SW	18/39 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	2/-5	2/-4	1/-5	2/-5	2/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-5	2/-5
600	4/-2	4/-0	3/-2	4/-1	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	4/-2
300	6/2	6/3	5/2	6/2	7/3	7/3	7/3	7/2	7/2
Valley	7/4	7/4	6/3	8/4	9/5	9/5	8/4	8/4	8/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1200m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Gale force gusts likely on the hills during the afternoon with a significant wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 26 Mar 2021

Weather: Mainly dry in the early hours but a band of rain will cross Snowdonia around dawn marking a change to colder conditions, the rain will turn increasingly to sleet or snow to 500m. Becoming bright and breezy by late morning with a few brisk wintery showers and feeling cold on the hills.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-25mph with gusts 35-40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% at first with low cloud accompanying rainfall but soon improving to 70% with most low cloud clearing, just patches on the mountain tops during showers.

Visibility: Initially low cloud will be extensive around 600m especially in the west but cloud will lift and clear quite well during the morning with visibility turning very good or excellent on the hills. Cloud will be patchy and shroud the tops from 600m in showers but these will move through quite swiftly in the brisk winds.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius falling to 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 falling to minus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1000m falling to 500m.

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Ground Conditions Supplement
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